

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~[[For]]~~ A suspension device constructed to be united with a predetermined container-useful to package to form a package unit for consumable contents, the container having a surrounding wall extending from a container bottom to a mouth defined by an upper rim formation, a removable the suspension device comprising:

a ring portion ~~extending~~ constructed to extend over and ~~removably engageable- be joined~~ with the upper rim formation of the mouth of the container to ~~support~~ suspend the container ~~[[and]]~~ with its contents and

~~an inwardly positioned flexible~~ a suspending element constructed and arranged to support the ring portion of the suspension device, the suspending element extending inwardly of the ring portion, from a proximal region in supporting relation to the ring portion, to a free distal end portion that is and being arranged to be raised from a lower, formed position to a raised position to be engaged by a support to suspend the container by its rim formation in a position below the support~~[[,]]~~ for display or transport, the ~~flexible~~-suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device ~~that is engageable with the rim of the container being~~ so related that raising the distal end portion of the suspending element relative to the ring portion and applying suspending force to ~~it the suspending element~~ does not disturb the ring portion of the suspension device when united that is engageable with the upper rim formation of the container.

2. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element ~~comprises an element defining~~ defines an opening in its distal

end portion, through which ~~said support~~ a finger can be inserted for engagement to serve as the support.

3. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the suspending element ~~is a sheet form element that~~ is flexible along its length.

Claims 4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1, wherein the ring portion and the suspending element are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit, the ring portion constructed to removably engage the rim portion of the container.

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 [[10]], wherein the suspending element is of the same material as the ring [[rim]] portion to which it is joined integrally.

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the ring portion of the suspension device extends generally between parallel bounding planes and the suspending element in its as-formed position lies flat, within the ring portion, generally between those planes.

15. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the suspending element extends as a flexible projection from its proximal region located at one side of the ring portion to a distal portion located adjacent an opposite side of the ring portion ~~to a free end arranged to be engaged by the support.~~

Claims 16-27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which ~~For a container useful to package consumable contents having a surrounding wall extending from a container bottom to a mouth defined by a rim formation, a removable suspension device comprising a ring portion extending over and removably engageable with the rim formation of the mouth of the container to support the container and its contents and an inwardly positioned suspending element having a lower, formed position, and constructed to be raised to support the ring portion of the suspension device, the proximal region of the suspending element is being offset relative to an axis of the ring portion sufficiently to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the suspension device is united with the container and the container is supported by the suspending element, the suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container being so related that raising the suspending element relative to the ring portion and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container.~~

29. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the suspending element extends directly from said ring portion of the suspension device, the suspending element being formed integrally of thermoplastic resin with said ring portion of the suspension device.

Claim 30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 28, wherein the suspending element comprises an opening through which said support can be inserted for engagement.

32. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 31, wherein the suspending element is of substantially constant thickness along its length ~~of flexible sheet form~~.

Claims 33-67. (Cancelled)

68. (Previously Presented) The package unit of claim 73 in further combination with a display rack on which the package unit is suspended by the suspending element.

69. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 68, wherein the display rack defines a horizontal support rod on which said package unit and one or more package units of the same construction are suspended, each by its suspending element.

70. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises at least a second horizontal rod, located above the rod of the combination of claim 69, on which one or more package units of the same construction are suspended, each by its suspending element, the length of the suspending elements of the package units being predetermined such that package units hanging from said second rod do not interfere with placement or removal of package units on the other rod.

71. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 69, wherein the display rack comprises a rod bent in a V-shape, and mounted on a support such that the rod provides two rod sections which diverge from one another.

72. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 69 in which the display rack comprises a multiple tier display assembly having at least two tiers each

defined by a rod bent in "V" form, said rods being generally aligned vertically with one another.

73. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 1 combined with a said container to form a package unit.

74. (Previously Presented) The package unit of claim 73 in which said container is comprised of a surrounding wall which extends upwardly from a bottom of the container to a mouth that is wider than the bottom, the container having a rim formation of greater relative thickness than said surrounding wall.

75. (Currently Amended) The disposable package unit of claim 73 in which the rim formation ~~said mouth~~ of the container has a minimum dimension greater than two inches and is about as wide as the maximum width of the container.

76. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 including a central panel associated with the ring portion of the suspension device to form a closure for an opening of the container located inwardly of the rim formation ~~the mouth~~ of the container.

77. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises paper.

78. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises foil.

79. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel comprises film or plastic.

80. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 76 in which the central panel carries printing or labeling.
81. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 76, wherein the central panel has a clear section for viewing through the device.
82. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 28 including a central panel associated with the ring portion of the device to form a closure for an opening ~~the mouth~~ of the container.
83. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises paper.
84. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises foil.
85. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel comprises film or plastic.
86. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 82 in which the central panel carries printing or labeling.
87. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 82 wherein the central panel has a clear central section for viewing through the device.
88. (Currently Amended) [[A]]The suspension device of claim 1 constructed for use with [[for]] a predetermined container having its [[a]] rim formation surrounding a region to be opened ~~at a top opening, the suspension device comprising a structure constructed to engage with the rim of the container, an~~ suspending element being elongated, having its proximal region free ended

~~suspender being integrated with the ring portion of the suspension device and extending inwardly of the ring portion in a manner to lie over the region of the container to be opened structure and being deflectable from a lower formed position to a raised, suspending position in which it is capable of suspending the container, the suspender and structure being so related that deflecting the suspender to suspending position and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the structure engageable with the rim of the container.~~

89. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 88 in which the ~~free ended suspender extends from~~ proximal region of the suspending element forms a flexible root region adjacent a the ring portion of the structure of the device that is constructed to engage the rim of the container.

90. (Currently Amended) The ~~support~~ suspension device of claim 88 in which the suspending element ~~suspender~~ is of sheet form.

91. (Currently Amended) The ~~support~~ suspension device of claim 88 in which the ring portion structure and the suspending element ~~said suspender~~ are formed as portions of a thermoplastic unit.

92. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~support~~ of claim 88 ~~[[91]]~~ in which ~~the structure includes a ring engageable with the rim of the container and a central panel constructed to close said opening of the container~~ is attached along the underside of the suspension device.

93. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~support~~ of claim 88 in which the proximal region of the suspending element ~~suspender~~ is offset relative to an axis of said ring portion structure to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspension device ~~suspender~~.

94. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~support~~ of claim 88 in which ~~the structure includes a container supporting ring and the suspending element~~ suspender in its as-formed position lies flat within said supporting ring portion.

95. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 1 in which the suspending element is elongated, ~~An elongated, free ended suspender associated with a support structure engageable with a rim of a container, the suspender having an axis of elongation and comprising a main body extending inwardly from the ring portion along an [[the]] axis of elongation, the proximal region of the suspending element comprising a flexible root region of relatively short extent along said axis of elongation compared to the extent of the main body along said axis, and a free terminal end shaped to receive a support, the suspender being deflectable from a lower formed position to a raised suspending position, the suspender and structure being so related that deflecting the suspender to suspending position and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the structure engageable with the rim of the container.~~

96. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~suspender~~ of claim 95, in which said main body comprises an elongated leg portion having a width, the terminal end of the suspending element comprising a head joined to the leg portion, the head being wider than the width of the leg portion and defining an engageable formation.

97. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~suspender~~ of claim 96[[,]] in which the width of said leg portion is ~~of lesser lateral extent less than the width of~~ said root portion ~~and the engageable formation~~.

98. (Currently Amended) The suspension device ~~suspender~~ of claim [[97]] 96 in which, ~~the suspender being of sheet form and~~ said engageable formation comprises ~~comprising~~ an opening in said head ~~the distal end of said suspender~~.

99. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~The suspension device of claim 28 in which for a container comprising a supporting ring engageable with a mouth of a container, the ring having an axis of symmetry and a transverse extent, the suspending element comprises an elongated, flexible leg suspender joined to said supporting ring at the proximal region~~a position that is asymmetric with respect to said ring to cause the container supported by said suspender to hang at an angle, the suspender being deflectable from a lower formed position to a raised suspending position, the suspender and supporting ring being so related that deflecting the suspender to suspending position and applying suspending force to the suspender does not disturb the supporting ring that is engageable with the rim of the container.~~

100. (Currently Amended) The suspension device support of claim 99, in which said flexible leg suspender is joined secured to said ring portion at a single root region.

101. (Currently Amended) The suspension device support structure of claim 99 in which the suspension element suspender is of length exceeding at least half of the minimum transverse dimension of the supporting ring portion.

102. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~The suspension device of claim 1 for a predetermined container having a rim formation at a top opening,  
~~the suspension device comprising a~~in which the ring portion is of thermoplastic resin, ~~of a lid or supporting ring, the ring portion having a width sufficient to extend across the opening of the container and is constructed to interfit with the rim formation of the container, and lies~~the ring portion generally lying between parallel limiting planes, and

~~a flexible~~the suspending element is formed of thermoplastic resin integrally with the ring portion, the suspending element having a main body

generally of sheet form of substantially constant thickness, the suspending element, in its as-formed position, lying inwardly of the ring portion, parallel with and along or between the limiting planes, the suspending element being deflectable about its proximal region at the ring portion from its formed position to an upstanding position in which it is capable of carrying weight of the container;

~~the flexible suspending element and the ring portion of the suspension device that is engageable with the rim of the container being so related that raising the suspending element relative to the rim portion and applying suspending force to the suspending element does not disturb the ring portion that is engageable with the ring of the container.~~

103. (Previously Presented) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the suspension element, as formed, extends flat across a center panel joined to the ring portion.

104. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 or 103 combined with a container having a rim formation, at a top opening, with which the ring portion is interfit, the container having a central axis, said suspending element ~~suspender~~ being joined ~~asymmetrically~~ to the ring portion at a location offset a substantial distance from the central axis of the container, the offset distance being sufficient to impart a substantial tilt to the container when the container is supported by the suspension element.

105. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 or 103 in which the suspension element is elongated, extending, from a proximal root at the ring portion, along an axis of elongation and terminating at the free a free ended end distal portion that is to be engaged by ~~shaped to receive~~ a support.

106. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 105 comprising a single suspension element which extends substantially across the width of space defined within the ring portion.

107. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 105 ~~106~~ in which the suspension element extends a length exceeding one half the width of space defined within the ring portion.

108. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion is constructed to have a friction fit with an exterior surface of the rim formation of the container.

109. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 in which the ring portion is constructed to have a snap fit about the exterior of the rim formation of the container ~~surrounds a center panel forming a lid.~~

110. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 ~~[[109]]~~ in which the ring portion surrounds a central panel forming a lid, at least part of the center panel being ~~[[is]]~~ transparent.

111. (Currently Amended) The suspension device of claim 102 ~~[[109]]~~ in which the ring portion surrounds a central panel forming a lid, the center panel bearing printing or labeling ~~bears printing.~~

112. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The suspension device of claim 1 combined with a said container to form a closed package unit, the ~~for display comprising a~~ container containing merchandise, the container having a bottom and a self-supporting wall extending from the bottom to a mouth defined by the upper ~~[[a]]~~ rim formation, a cover closing ~~extending over the mouth and about the exterior of the rim formation of the container in manner to close the container to form the~~

~~closed package, and a single flexible, substantially elongated thermoplastic  
suspending element associated with the closed package, the suspension device  
joined with suspending element secured to the package at a region in the vicinity  
of the upper rim formation of the container to suspend the container and its  
contents and having a lower formed position, the suspending element being  
flexibly deflectable from its formed position upwardly to a container suspending  
position, the suspending element being so related to the closed package that the  
action of flexibly deflecting the suspender upwardly to suspending position, and  
applying suspending force to the suspender to lift the container in a tilted  
condition, does not disturb the rim of the container or the closed condition of the  
package.~~